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(*b*) what were the findings of the panchayatdars in respect of the death on 3rd March 1953 and what was the Police report?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—
" (*a*) & (*b*) The M.L.A. apparently refers to the dead body of an unknown person which was found in Pamarru village on 1st February 1953. The Village Munsif reported the fact to the Police. Thereupon the Police made the necessary enquiries and held an inquest. The panchayatdars could not come to a decision as to the cause of the death. From the enquiries made by the Police it transpired that the deceased was a demented beggar whose death was due to lack of proper nourishment.

" Pamarru is a rich deltaic village of the Gudivada taluk and paddy is the main crop in this area. There is no scarcity of food in this village and in the other deltaic villages of the Krishna district. The death occurred on 1st February 1953 and *not* on 3rd March 1953. It is possible that due to dementia the person was not taking proper food and thereby died."

*Cyclone relief in Tanjore and Tiruchirappalli.*

* 1183 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any request for financial aid was made by the State Government to the Union Government for giving relief to the cyclone-affected districts of Tanjore and Tiruchirappalli; and

(*b*) if so, the amount granted by the Union Government for this purpose?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—
" (*a*) No.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

*Local Bodies Finance Enquiry Committee.*

* 1184 *Q.*—SRI K. KRISHNA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the Local Bodies Finance Enquiry Committee was appointed; its terms of reference and the names of its members;

(*b*) whether the report of the Committee has been sent to the Government;

(*c*) if so, what the recommendations of the Committee are, and the action taken thereon; and

(*d*) whether the Government will place a copy of the report on the table of the House?

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THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" (a) The Local Finance Enquiry Committee composing of the following persons was constituted by the Government of India in 1949—

*Chairman :*

Shri P. K. Wattal (Retired Accountant-General).

*Members :*

(1) Shri R. K. Sidhwa, Member, Constituent Assembly of India, New Delhi.

(2) Shri C. D. Barfivala, Director, Local Self-Government Institute, Bombay.

(3) Shri Rameshwar Narain Agarwala, Chairman, Bhagalpur Municipality, United Press Buildings, Bhagalpur City (Bihar).

(4) Shri T. K. T. Veeraraghavachariar, Retired District Board Engineer, Gandhi Road, Chittoor (Madras). (On his resignation Shri K. A. Nachiappa Gounder, M.L.A., was appointed.)

(5) Shri P. B. Gole, President, Akola Municipality, Akola (Central Provinces and Berar).

(6) Shri R. D. Kapila, Secretary, Local Self-Government Reforms Committee, East Punjab, Kennedy House, Simla.

(7) Shri L. T. Gholap, I.C.S., Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Health and Local Self-Government Department, Bombay. (On his appointment as Chairman, Bombay Port Trust, Shri B. D. Mirchandani, I.C.S., Secretary to Government of Bombay, Health and Local Self-Government Department, was appointed.)

(8) Shri M. B. L. Dar, Secretary to the Government of the United Provinces, Health and Local Self-Government Department, Lucknow.

(9) Shri S. K. Gupta, I.C.S., Secretary to the Government of West Bengal, Local Self-Government Department.

(10) Shri S. N. Sapru, Chairman, Delhi Improvement Trust.

The terms of reference of the Committee were as follows :—

To enquire into the question of the finances of local bodies and to make recommendations for the improvement of local finance and for that purpose—

(1) to examine whether the existing resources are adequate for the performance of the functions assigned to the local bodies and to consider whether and, if so, what further sources of revenue should be provided;

(2) to examine the methods of Government assistance to local bodies;

(3) to examine the existing machinery and methods of (i) assessment and (ii) collection of taxes.

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" (b) Yes.

" (c) A summary of the recommendations of the Committee is given on pages 487–502 of its Report. Necessary action has been taken by this Government on the various recommendations.

" (d) The Committee's Report is a priced publication of the Government of India costing Rs. 4-2-0. A copy of the report is placed in the Library of the Madras Legislature for reference by Members."

*Road-cum-Regulator bridge over the Krishna.*

* 1185 *Q.*—SRI M. LAKSHMANASWAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether the State Government have sent detailed estimates and proposals to the Central Government about the Regulator-*cum*-Road bridge on Krishna river;

(b) if so, the date on which the estimates were sent; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (a) & (b) The proposals were sent to the Central Government on 21st March 1953. Detailed estimates are prepared only after administrative approval to a scheme has been accorded."

" (c) Does not arise."

*Irrigation from Komarapalayam channel in Karasapalayam, Namakkal taluk.*

* 1186 *Q.*—SRI K. V. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any representation from the ryots of Karasapalayam in Namakkal taluk, Salem district, regarding the water-supply from Komarapalayam channel to irrigate their lands; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (a) Yes.

" (b) The matter is under examination."

*Cyclone relief in Tanjore and Tiruchirappalli.*

* 1187 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether any Relief Committee was constituted by the Governor of Madras in connexion with cyclone in Tanjore and Tiruchirappalli;

(b) the total amount collected by this Committee; and

(c) the amount assigned to each of the two districts?